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MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE PROSTHETIC  
DEVICES

**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

[ X ] Continuation

of the above-identified co-pending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- [ X ] Specification (including Abstract) - 95 pages
- [ X ] Claims - 7
- [ X ] Informal drawings - Figures 1-11 (9 sheets)
- [ X ] Preliminary Amendment
- [ X ] Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in U.S. Serial No. 08/798,638
- [ X ] Copy of Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney by Assignee/Appointment of New Power of Attorney by Assignee/Change of Correspondence Address filed in U.S. Serial No. 08/798,638

[ X ] Information Disclosure Statement/Form PTO-1449 (59 references)

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	Claims as Filed	Included in Basic Fee	Extra Claims	Rate	Fee Totals
Basic Fee				\$710.00	\$710.00
Total Claims:	7	- 20	=	x \$18.00	=
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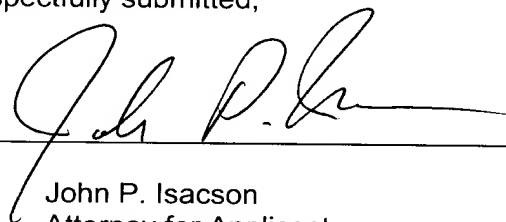
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